

Borough of Stanhope

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MEMORANDUM VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO:

Paula Dees, Highlands Council

FROM:

Ellen Horak, Borough Clerk

DATE:

December 4, 2008

As per your request, attached hereto please find a copy of Resolution 210-08 and Resolution 211-08 adopted by the Governing Body on November 25, 2008. Resolution 210-08 reflects the Governing Body's intent to petition the Highlands Council for plan conformance and Resolution 211-08 reflects the Governing Body's request for an extension of the deadline to petition COAH for substantive certification.

You will be receiving an original certified copy of Resolution 210-08 in the mail shortly.

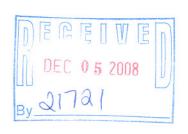
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Borough of Stanhope

Sussex County, New Jersey

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Stanhope to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanbope intends to include all lands lying with the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

I certify this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope on November 25, 2008.

Ellen Horak Ellen Horak, RMC

Borough Clerk